



**FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 17, 2016**

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on May 17, 2016, and came to order at 7:02 p.m. Those present were: Dana Escott, Randy Lowder, Nick Novich, Bill Holden, Tom Leo, Bob Lancaster, Teri Larsen, Van Puckett, Mike Young (Brown Contracting), and Commissioners Ron Nye and David Schulz. Dana Escott took minutes.

**Minutes:** Nick moved to approve the April 21, 2016, minutes with no corrections. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Budget:** Cash is \$43,631.36.

**Bills:** The list of bills for May, 2016, was presented to the Fair Board. Tom moved to approve the bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Public Input on Agenda and/or Non Agenda Items:** None.

**Communications:** None.

**REPORTS:**

**4-H:** None.

**FFA:** None.

**Livestock Committee:** Tom reported that the Livestock Committee was working on a caterer for the Buyers BBQ at fair.

**Fair Board Report:** None.

**Fair Manager Report:** The stud stalls have had the doors cut down so they are more user friendly for horses to be able to see out. There is a sponsor who would like to donate some money to help rebuild the roping pens. We have a sponsor who has donated to build a new crow's nest along with a small grant the fair board has acquired. The fair board is working on a plan for the new crow's nest.

**DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Bathrooms:**

- a. **Wash Stations:** Van discussed the rules for wash stations at events that serve food. The Board discussed such events that serve food to the public are required to have a wash stations and could Van provide some written material to the Board with these rules?
- b. **Misc.:** Mike Young from Brown Contracting, advised that he and Randy Brown spent a couple of hours testing the toilets in the white cinder block bathrooms, pressure checking the lines coming into the bathrooms, testing water pressure with other hydrants on, performing flushing

testing on the lines, etc. and the toilets are fine but the plumbing underneath is bad. The pipes are old cast iron and not smooth and there are other obstacles and issues with the way the toilets drain which is causing the back up of sewer in the lines. The line was camera Discussion to have Brown Contracting available if the Board cameras the line again would be a benefit. Van will call and get quotes from Roto Rooter and some other camera places and forward information to Dana so she can get it to the Board for a decision on whether or not the Board wants to camera the line again. The bathrooms are faulty and haven't worked for several years. Dana discussed the fact that they are a health hazard with the ongoing issue of the faulty sewer system and requiring employees clean them. Mike Young and Van Puckett left meeting at 8:16 pm.

2. **Summer Events:** The Board discussed the new events happening on the fairgrounds and whether or not to host them. With the increased usage of the facility and events, it requires more than a part time person to put them on. The Board will move forward with Sr. Pro, but will revisit hosting the High School Rodeo at next meeting.
3. **FCS Grant:** There is a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for a FCS Grant if the Board would like to put in for it? Nick moved to have Dana write the grant. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
4. **Fair Manager:** The Board discussed with the commissioners the need for more hours for Dana with the amount of events, new events, etc. Commissioner Schulz advised there will be a discussion and determination but they have not had time. The board expressed concern regarding the extra hours it will take to host new events. Nick advised the facility has come a long way in the last ten years. With more usage, the buildings in good shape, heat in the buildings, new arena fencing, and all the other tasks, the Fair Manager job is not a part time job anymore.
5. **Bylaws:** The Commissioners are working on the bylaws. No action.
6. **Building Update**
  - a. **Planning Grant:** The Commissioners will help pay for the preparation of the grant. Commissioner Schulz and Nye left meeting at 9:27 pm.
7. **Fair**
  - a. **Miscellaneous:** No action.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm. Next meeting, June 14, 2016, at 7:00 pm. Minutes typed and prepared by Dana Escott.

  
Approved: Fair Board Chairperson      6/14/2016  
And/or Vice Chairperson      Date